

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the finality of the rejection set forth in the Office Action mailed December 28, 2009 in the above-identified application be reconsidered and withdrawn. The rejection of the majority of the claims in this application is based upon the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 4,055,862 to Farling and/or the disclosure of U.S. Patent No 5,743,918 to Calandruccio. It is not believed that either of these two references was ever applied and/or cited in the prosecution of this application.

It is requested that a Notice of References Cited (PTO Form 892) be issued listing these references and that the rejection be made non-final.

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Respectfully submitted,

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